



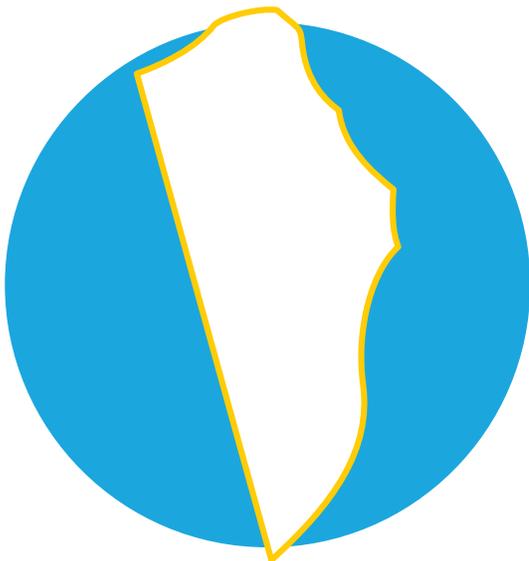
FACT SHEET

GRID RESILIENCE STATE AND TRIBAL FORMULA GRANTS: RHODE ISLAND

As states, tribes, and territories face threats from severe weather, the **Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants** will distribute **\$2.3 billion** over five years to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. The first round of funding applies to fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

In support of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, in June 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy awarded **\$3,370,394** to **Rhode Island** via the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program, which is supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

State awards are based on a formula that includes factors such as population size, land area, probability and severity of disruptive events, and a locality's historical expenditures on mitigation efforts. Under the administration of the **Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources**, Rhode Island will hold a competitive selection process to identify projects for which the roughly \$3 million in federal funding will be deployed.



GOALS INCLUDE

- › Addressing electric resilience threats using a bottom-up approach to identify innovative projects through robust municipal collaboration.
- › Ensuring the inclusivity of disadvantaged communities (DACs) throughout the stakeholder engagement process to make certain that no less than 40% of the measurable improvements resulting from resilience investments are delivered to DACs.
- › Decreasing energy burden for folks living in DACs while increasing (1) energy resilience and democracy, (2) parity in clean energy technology access and adoption across DACs, (3) access to low-cost capital for clean energy projects that serve DACs, and (4) strengthening the clean energy jobs and training pipeline for individuals living in DACs.
- › Developing a replicable planning framework in collaboration with sub-awardees of the program that will leverage this funding opportunity with other competitive or private funding opportunities.
- › Utilizing and expanding upon the recommended policy actions in Rhode Island's annual Clean Energy Industry Reports and Clean Energy Workforce Needs Assessment to increase and retain the Rhode Island clean energy workforce, which continues to recover from the unforeseen consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HELPFUL LINKS

- › [Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program](#)
- › [About the Grid Deployment Office](#)